GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Amnesty International, which is the custodian of human rights at international level, has stated in its recent report that Indian women are being sold in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check this anti-social activity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. However the report does not give any specific instance of Indian women being sold in Pakistan.

(c): (i) India is a signatory to the SAARC convention on preventing and combating trafficking in women and children for prostitution.

(ii) The National Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children which was formulated in 1998 has outlined a multi-sectoral strategy for the prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of the victims of prostitution; and prescribed detailed action points to be taken by different Ministries and Departments in Government of India, State Governments, NGOs and other Stake holders.

(iii) India with a thriving democracy, independent judiciary, free and vocal media and commissions at the national and state levels to promote and protect human rights has adequate institutional mechanisms to ensure that human rights of its citizens are protected. India's active participation in relevant international inter-governmental fora, such as the Commission on Human Rights and organs of the United Nations Organisation is geared to promotion and protection of human rights worldwide.